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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In October 2014 the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program charged sex offender treatment provider **Christopher K. Johnson** (FC00000075) with unprofessional conduct. In August 2014 the Psychology Board placed conditions on Johnson's license as a psychologist.

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Glen R. Tilden** (NC10011412), who must continue to comply with an existing substance abuse monitoring contract.

Cowlitz County

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ynika D. King** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. King, who doesn't have a massage practitioner credential, allegedly maintains an online advertisement stating that she performs massage.

Douglas County

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant and Home Care Aide programs charged registered nursing assistant and home care aide **Danny Boyd Hamilton** (NA60289108, HM60319675) with unprofessional conduct. After being criminally charged in 2014 with third-degree rape and first-

degree sexual misconduct with a minor, Hamilton was sentenced on an amended charge of fourth-degree assault—domestic violence with sexual motivation.

In November 2014 the Home Care Aide Program charged home care aide **Pamela Evelyn Baker** (HM60421415) with unprofessional conduct. Baker allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Grays Harbor County

In November 2014 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional credential to **Sherman Daniel Hatley** (CP60479271). He must continue to comply with conditions imposed when he received a chemical dependency professional trainee credential in 2011.

Island County

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Carol D. Armstrong**, also known as Carol Armstrong Worrel (NC10077516), with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Armstrong had an argument with a patient, and when the patient put her hand near Armstrong's face, she grabbed the patient's wrist and pushed it down.

King County

In October 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Donna G. Lewis-Walker** (RN00087058) that requires her to re-enter a substance abuse monitoring program. Lewis-Walker didn't comply with a previous stipulation requiring her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Heping Liang** (MA60408149), who doesn't meet the educational requirements.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Xiu Ni Liu** (MA60438031), who doesn't meet the educational requirements.

In October 2014 the Dental Commission ended probation for dentist **Benjamin Dorantes** (DE00008750).

Kitsap County

In November 2014 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Whitney Ann Turrieta** (CO60407093) and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Turrieta was convicted of seven felonies and one gross misdemeanor between 2001 and 2009.

Pierce County

In October 2014 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Teresa I. Askew**

(LP00031931) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Askeew worked at an adult family home where she received medications from a pharmacy for a patient, but didn't log them in accordance with facility policy. She allegedly withdrew controlled substances for patients multiple times, but didn't document administering or disposing of it.

In October 2014 the Home Care Aide Program charged home care aide **Beverly Mary Allen** (HM60342090) with unprofessional conduct. She was assigned to care for a client with dementia who wasn't to be left alone. Charges say Allen drove the client's car to a grocery store without permission, leaving the client unattended. A law enforcement officer discovered Allen allegedly looking for her car in the grocery store parking lot, smelling of intoxicants, slurring her words, and admitting to drinking four or five beers.

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Gillian Scott-Yearwood** (NC10086343) and placed her on probation for at least one year. Scott-Yearwood's credential was suspended in 2007 in connection with inadequate patient care and a third-degree malicious mischief conviction.

In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Sagan Brailynn Cheaney** (CO60464526) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 2012 Cheaney was convicted of second-degree theft.

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Natalya Sergey Glavan** (NA60207925) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012 Glavan was convicted of reckless driving, and in 2014 she was convicted of unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance. Glavan hasn't responded to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

Snohomish County

In November 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Allison Nicole Alexander** (CG60491211) and ordered her to comply with conditions stipulated when her chemical dependency professional trainee credential was reinstated earlier in 2014.

In November 2014 the secretary of health reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Nasya K. Hilton** (NC10088339). Hilton's license was suspended in 2009 when she didn't comply with an agreement requiring her to complete course work in caring for the elderly.

Thurston County

In October 2014 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Lisa Anne Wendler** (MA60148210) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Wendler is the owner and managing operator of a business that employs health care professionals who authorize medical marijuana for patients. Charges also say that operating a business where licensed employees authorize medical marijuana is beyond the scope of her massage credential.

In November 2014 the Osteopathic Board entered an agreement with osteopathic physician

David Evan Little (OP00000751) that places him on compliance monitoring for at least two years. Little will be subject to unannounced audits, and must complete continuing education in documentation and record-keeping and pain management. Charges say he prescribed large doses of narcotic medication without adequate documentation, didn't decrease narcotic medication or attempt to wean a patient to non-narcotic pain medication, and didn't document why he allowed patients to continue receiving narcotic medication after they violated their treatment agreements.

Yakima County

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended conditions on the credential of registered nursing assistant **Dustin Levi Schmidt** (NA60253763).

Out of State

New Mexico: In November 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Jane Elizabeth Nichols** (RN00112430) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Nichols made medication errors involving two patients, and inappropriately turned on a third patient's external pacemaker without an order from the physician.

Oregon: In November 2014 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Bryan P. Hepworth** (PH60179103) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Hepworth was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of drugs. Charges say he tested positive for controlled substances and subsequently pleaded guilty to first-degree negligent driving. While Hepworth was working as a pharmacist a day after his license expired, charges say he couldn't process prescriptions quickly, sweated profusely, wouldn't make eye contact with others, stumbled when walking, and had difficulty communicating with and counseling patients. When he went to a hospital for testing, charges say handfuls of controlled substances fell out of his pants pockets and he put them in his shoes. Hepworth allegedly admitted taking the pills from the pharmacy where he worked. The Oregon Pharmacy Board denied his application to be licensed as a pharmacist in that state.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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